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Comments: I live in Bozeman and am a hiker, mountain biker and bird watcher. I love the mountains in the Custer-Gallatin National Forest and frequently hike, bike and use the trails within the forest. I write this comment to support the following:

- 1) The Gallatin Forest Partnership Agreement and its recommendations.
- 2) Continued bicycle access to Lionhead. I believe that managing this valuable area as Backcountry Area (BCA) as described in Alternative E. It is important to me to maintain bicycle access in this area. I do not believe that backcountry bicycling degrades this valuable, rugged and remote area, in fact, it's been the bicycling community that has maintain miles of trails in the Lionhead each summer. Volunteer mountain bikers have donated thousands of hours of trail work to clear trees and maintain the trails in the Lionhead. This vital work and community dedication should continue to be valued.
- 3) Finally, I support ways to continue to manage recommended wilderness areas so that they allow bicycles. Alternatives C and D are unacceptable and remove access to cyclists for large parts of the forest. In particular, alternative D would remove bicycles from hundreds of miles of trails. In addition, this would concentrate front country use that would degrade the experiences of cyclists and other users.

Sincerely,

Sarah K Hamilton